

DIARY NOTES

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1. Advised Larry Houston that I had read his interim report on Project [REDACTED] and was ready for an oral presentation anytime at his convenience. 25X1A2d1

2. Talked to Larry again about publishing certain "Opinions of the General Counsel." He is doing a staff study on this problem and will have something to present to me in the near future. H

3. Talked to Larry about the travel of dependent grandparents and grandchildren. Told him that the stand we had taken in this Office so far had been based upon papers written by the General Counsel and that it had been my understanding that without use of the Director's special powers, which would appear to be inappropriate in these cases, we could not pay for such travel. I asked him to look into the whole problem and give me his recommendations.

4. I turned over to Larry Houston and asked for his comments on a paper written by Mr. [REDACTED] of his Office to the Regulations Control Staff recommending that the Regulations be changed to permit travel of grandparents and grandchildren as dependents of employees, as well as a paper on the same general subject but having to do with Mr. [REDACTED] specifically. 25X1A9a 25X1A9a

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6. Mr. [REDACTED] stopped by to say that he had been given a job in the Foreign Documents Division, was perfectly happy about the entire situation, and that he wished to forget the incidents about which we had talked on Friday and Saturday. He also chose not to keep his appointment with Dr. [REDACTED] I so notified Colonel Edwards and Dr. Tietjen. 25X1A9a

7. At Colonel Edwards' request I notified [REDACTED] to give the Security Office \$13,000 additional money so that it could purchase three countermeasure devices. 25X1A9a

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8. Met with Mr. Dulles, Lyman Kirkpatrick, [REDACTED] to discuss the proposed Radio Free Europe station [REDACTED] It was agreed that what Mr. [REDACTED] wanted at this time was the green light to negotiate [REDACTED] within terms of reference to be agreed upon and approved prior to the negotiations. It was also agreed that we would request money from the Reserve to finance this Project but that the amount 25X1A9a 25X1A6a

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would have to be determined after we knew what came out of the negotiations with the [REDACTED]. We will also start explorations with the General Services Administration without delay to determine whether, and on what terms, we can obtain the two surplus 500 kilowatt transmitters which they now have. If these could be obtained without cost they would reduce the over-all Project cost by about \$1.4 million. I also told Mr. [REDACTED] that I would like to satisfy myself that the construction was modest and consistent with our needs. To this end I would want to have the plans looked at by one of our own engineers and it might be desirable to use an outside firm of consultants as well. He was perfectly agreeable to this and I will follow through to see that it is done. 25X1A9a

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After the meeting Mr. [REDACTED] called me aside to say that in connection with budgeting they were in hopes that they could retain the \$2.9 million donated to the [REDACTED] without it affecting their regular budget. I told him that we could not fail to take this money into consideration and that while I recognized the fact that he should use it in a way which would offer positive proof to those who had donated it that it was spent for the purposes solicited, nevertheless in connection with the over-all [REDACTED] budget it would definitely have to be considered. 25X1C4c

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